

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Objection of the specification due to informalities:

5 The specification has been amended to overcome this objection. Specifically, the erroneous vocabularies “setting”, “phosphorate” and “medicaments” have been amended to “settling”, “phosphate” and “chemicals”. No new matter is introduced, and withdrawal of this objection to the specification is politely requested.

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2. Rejection of claims 6 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C 112:

Claim 6 has been cancelled.

15 Claim 13 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Specifically, the erroneous vocabularies “setting” and “medicaments” have been amended to “settling” and “chemicals”. No new matter is introduced, and reconsideration of claim 13 is therefore requested. Since claim 13 no longer has erroneous vocabularies, reconsideration of claims 14-15, which
20 are dependent on claim 13, is therefore requested.

3. Rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Krulik et al (US 6,645,385):

25 Claims 1-4 have been cancelled.

4. Rejection of claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable

over Krulik et al, and further in view of Yamasaki (US 6,572,771):

Claims 6-8 have been cancelled.

5 **5. Objection of claim 5:**

Claim 5 has been cancelled.

6. Allowance of claims 9-12:

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Allowance of claims 9-12 is appreciated.

7. Allowable subject matter:

15 Claim 13 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U. S. C 112, and reconsideration of claims 13-15 is therefore requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Sincerely yours,

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